

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-4 and 8-15 are currently being prosecuted.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider her rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 1-3 to be allowable, and the subject matter of claim 4 being allowable if the indefiniteness rejection is removed.

Rejection under 35 USC 102

Claims 5, 6, 8-13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by PAK (U.S. Patent 5,229,640). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner points out that PAK shows a die 30, a die pad 64, a plurality of lead fingers 12, 22 and at least one passive component 20 having two ends connected to two lead fingers and ground. However, Applicants submit that these claims are no longer anticipated by PAK.

First, claims 5-7 have been cancelled, rendering this part of the rejection moot.

Claim 8 has been amended to now describe the integrated circuit dies having at least two separated die pads, each connected to a corresponding voltage level, and describing the passive components as having two ends, each connected to one of the separated die pads. This language now corresponds to the language found in allowable claim 1. Since the Examiner has not rejected this language in claim 1, and since the claims taken as a whole are not seen in the PAK reference, Applicants submit that these claims are now allowable thereover.

Rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 7 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over PAK. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 has been cancelled, rendering this part of the rejection moot.

Claim 14 depends from allowable claims and, as such, is also considered to be allowable. Accordingly, this rejection is also believed to be overcome.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claims 4, 9, 10 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner states that Fig. 4B fails to show bus bar 105 bridging non-adjacent lead structures. By way of the present amendment, the specification has now been amended to better describe the arrangement of the bus bar with the lead fingers. Applicants submit that the specification now more fully describes this structure.

In addition, claims 4, 9, 10 and 15 have all been amended to describe the bus bar as being disposed between two lead finger sections, rather than using the term "bridged". Accordingly, Applicants submit that these claims now are supported by the specification.

In regard to claim 9, the Examiner points out that the word "bridged" should be "bridging." By way of the present amendment, this term has been fully removed as noted above. Accordingly, this rejection is rendered moot.

Drawing Objection

The Examiner objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner states that the lead fingers outside of the mold having the bridge

connection must be shown. Although the Examiner refers to the recitation in Fig. 15, it is assumed she means claim 15. By way of the present amendment, Applicants have modified the description of Fig. 4B in the specification. Applicants submit that the objection to the drawings is now overcome.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patent relied upon by the Examiner. In view of this, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

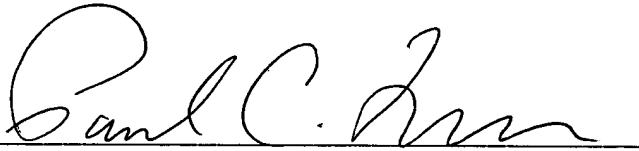
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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